

## ABSTRACT

5        Disclosed are pharmaceutical compositions and methods for preventing or treating  
a number of amyloid diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, prion diseases, familial  
amyloid neuropathies and the like. The pharmaceutical compositions include  
immunologically reactive amounts of amyloid fibril components, particularly fibril-  
forming peptides or proteins. Also disclosed are therapeutic compositions and methods  
10 which use immune reagents that react with such fibril components.